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**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§ 614.1 Purpose and scope.**

This part sets forth the informal procedures under which a landowner or program participant may appeal adverse technical determinations or decisions made by officials of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or its successor agency.

**§ 614.2 Definitions.**

*Adverse technical determination or decision* includes, in addition to the definition of adverse decision in 7 CFR part 11, an NRCS technical determination or decision that affects the legal substantive status of the land, though it may not necessarily be adverse.

*Chief* means the Chief of NRCS. For the purposes of this part, the term “Chief” includes an official of NRCS national headquarters designated by the Chief to act for the Chief in making decisions under this part.

*Conservation district* means any district or unit of State or local government formed under State law or territorial law for the express purpose of developing and carrying out a local soil and water conservation program. Such district or unit of government may be referred to as a conservation district, soil conservation district, soil and water conservation district, natural resource district, land conservation committee, or a similar name.

*County committee* means a Farm Service Agency (FSA) county or area committee established in accordance with section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)).

*Decision* means a conclusion reached by an NRCS official based on applicable regulations and program instructions which relates to eligibility for program benefits, including a technical